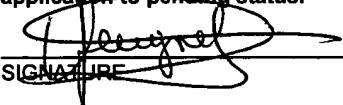


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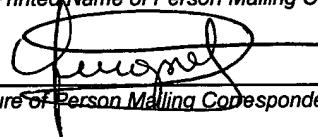
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/elected office (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (IF KNOWN, SEE 37CFR 1.5) 09/462995 NOT APPLICABLE		
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/FR98/01514	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE July 10, 1998	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED July 17, 1997		
TITLE OF INVENTION FLUIDS FOR USE IN OILFIELD DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING DEACETYLATED XANTHAN GUM AND AT LEAST ONE COMPOUND INCREASING THE IONIC STRENGTH OF THE MEDIUM				
APPLICANT (S) FOR DO/EO/US: Bruno LANGLOIS				
Applicant herewith submits the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:				
1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U S C 371 2 <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U S C 371 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U S C 371) (f) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U S C 371 (b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1) 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U S C 371(c)(2)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US) 6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U S C 371(c)(2)). 7 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) 8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U S C 371(c)(2)). a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made, however the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 9 <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U S C 371(c)(3)). 10 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U S C 371(c)(4)). (signed) 11 <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409). 12 <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U S C 371(c)(5)).				
Items 13 to 18 below concern document(s) or information included:				
13 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98				
14 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included				
15 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment				
16 <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.				
17 <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter				
18 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Mailing by Express Mail				
19 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information				
20 Forms PCT/IB/308 and 332, PCT/ISA/210, PCT/FR98/01514 as published				

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<p><u>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:</u> Jean-Louis SEUGNET RHODIA INC. 259 Prospect Plains Road CN 7500 Cranbury, NJ 08512</p> <p><u>January 14, 2000</u> DATE</p>		 <p><u>Jean-Louis SEUGNET</u> NAME Limited Recognition under 37 CFR § 10.9(b) enclosed.</p> <p><u>REGISTRATION NUMBER</u></p>																																																			

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<p>I hereby certify that this Transmittal letter sending documents referred to herein, Specification with Abstract (25 pages), 1 page Drawing, Declaration/ Power of Attorney (signed), Assignment and Recordation sheet, Preliminary Amendment (4 pages), Information Disclosure Statement with referenced documents, Forms PCT/IB/308 and 332, PCT/ISA/210, PCT/FR98/01514 as published and Limited Recognition.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">(Identify type of correspondence)</p> <p>is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 in an envelope addressed to: The Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on January 14, 2000.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Date)</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Jean-Louis SEUGNET (Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence)</p>  <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">(Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence)</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">EL416003840US (Express Mail Mailing Label Number)</p>		
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